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Microsoft is dominating the computer market with windows and will dominate the Internet with the .Net strategy if more effective action is not taken. Microsoft has always beaten the competition with business tactics that would not be acceptable in any market.

If the current plans are taken, the DOJ will turn their opportunity to restore competition to the market place into a big win for Microsoft.

I work in the computer industry as a software developer and the general consensus in this industry is that Microsoft and their powerhouse teams of lawyers have turned an anti-trust case into a big Microsoft victory.

Furthermore, the plans for Microsoft to give away PC's loaded with Microsoft Windows to the country's poorest schools should not be allowed to take place. This would only deepen the penetration that Microsoft has in the educational market. OpenSource alternatives should be considered and I believe should be the first choice to helping build a viable alternative to windows loaded PC's. With a combination of Linux (redhat.com), Sun Microsystems's StarOffice (OpenOffice.org), gnome foundation software (gnome.org), the Apache group (apache.org), and many other OpenSource alternatives (opensource.org), a platform without any proprietary Microsoft code could be an effective alternative for students. This would open a door to a powerful Unix-like operating system that has been proven to be very stable and robust in the worlds of scientific and data processing computing. Any settlement that would require Microsoft to pay damages to avoid litigation should strictly prohibit the use of Microsoft Windows as the operating system loaded on those PC's.

There is no mention of Microsoft's strategy to control the Internet with the .Net initiative. This quote from the Microsoft Developers Network (MSDN) is a blatant example of how Microsoft views Standard Organizations.

"Microsoft believes very strongly in Internet standards and the standards process, and is committed to implementing appropriate standards when driven by customer demand. However, standards compliance is part of a larger effort that includes many constituencies. By innovating, and driving customer requirements into Internet Explorer and then into the standards groups, we'll make the Internet a richer platform for all users."

They believe in the standards process, as long as they are making them up.

If this plan is executed then Microsoft will not only continue to control the desktop market, but will push their way into the server market and dominate the Internet.

If the DOJ does not take more appropriate action then the world of computing will become a one-man show.

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